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Dr. K. B. MENON :—" Are the Government aware that a kind of a small racket is carried on by some of the societies that hold public or private carrier permits for buying and selling too often the lorries that they have and if the Government have no information, will the Government keep an eye on it and enquire? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" The hon Gentleman may kindly communicate to me the information he has in his possession."

Recommendations made to the Election Commission regarding Assembly and Parliamentary Constituencies of the City.

* 1241 *Q.*—Sri A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government made any fresh recommendations or proposals to the Election Commission in the month of March 1954, regarding Assembly and Parliamentary Constituencies of the City of Madras; and

(*b*) if so, the number of reserved seats proposed to be allotted to the Scheduled Castes?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Sri A. RATNAM :—" தாழ்த்தப்பட்டவர்களுக்கு சென்னையில் ஸ்தானங்களை எந்த அடிப்படையில் ஒதுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது ? சென்னையில் தாழ்த்தப்பட்டவர்களுடைய ஜனத்தொகை என்ன ? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Formerly, the reservation was made on the estimated population basis. Now we are having the actual population based on the 1951 Census. On that basis, the Delimitation Commission has recommended the reservation for Scheduled Castes."

Assignment of Ruba Narayana Nallur forest lands to the landless Harijans.

* 1242 *Q.*—Sri M. KATTIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the action taken on several petitions sent to Government from January 1953 onwards regarding the assignment of the Ruba Narayana Nallur forest lands to the landless Harijans of Ruba Narayana Nallur?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" One mahazar petition, dated 3rd March 1954, was received by the District Forest Officer, Chingleput from the Harijans of Ruba Narayana Nallur. This was examined by him and was rejected, as there was possibility of developing the areas into a good forest and as the policy of the Government is not to disreserve forest lands."

Sri M. KATTIMUTHU :—" ஸார், அந்தக் காட்டை கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் நேர்முகமாகப் போய்ப் பார்த்தால் அது காட்டிற்கு லாயக்குள்ளதா அல்லது விவசாயத்திற்கு லாயக்குள்ளதா என்பது நன்றாகத் தெரியும்.